SMALL SAVINGS.

The Old Proverb "Many a Little Makes a Mickle" Exemplified.

Bank Book for Bright Pupils at School-A Suggestion as to Pauper Relief.

Shall we be pardoned for repeating the old Scottish proverb that: "Many a little makes a mickle?" It is so true in its teaching of thrift that it ought to be impressed upon every person, young and old, for no one is too old to begin to save.

The basis of the prosperity of the French people is their thrift. Of course, says the Youth's Companion, the practice is nearly universal. It give themselves food, shelter and change. clothing of some sort, form the great saving class.

At the end of 1893, the public and private savings banks of France had more than eight million depositors, and the amount standing to their credit was three and three-quarters billion francs. Yet this vast sumabout equal to the net public debt of the United States-was made up of little accounts which average but four hundred and sixty francs, or ninety-two dollars each.

To save money is one of the lessons taught in French schools. A savings-bank book, with a small sum to the credit of the owner, is a prize commonly given to a bright pupil, in cases when an American school would give the money outright, or a book, or a bicycle. Moreover, millions of French people who do not trust the banks have money saved in old stockings and in discarded teapots.

The accumulation of savings by a community is doubly beneficial. The person who saves has somebe lent at home. When savings banks exist and are generally patronized it is not necessary for the people to look to capitalists in other states for money to be borrowed on mortgages at exorbitant rates. They can borrow of the local bank, feeling that the interest they pay goes to their own neighbors.

This has been the experience not only in the large cities of the eastern states, but also in the factory towns where savings banks are established, and where a vast majority of the depositors are the "hands," who work for an average wage of not much more than a dollar a day.

In some parts of the country-poscommon than we suppose it to bethere is a systematic effort to teach the poorest people to save. We up of ladies, each one of whom has taken under her oversight three or four families in which the father is a drunkard, or the mother a widow, or where there are many young

The lady visits each family once a thing which the family can spare, is accepted. A careful account is kept, and when the coal supply runs short there is money on hand to pay for

We know of an Irish family, consisting of widow and five or six receiving pauper relief at the time this system was applied to their case, and who are now almost independent. The boys are doing well, earn their own living and support their mother. Moreover, they have learned to save. The mother no longer needs the weekly visit, but she still sends her savings to the lady who first had cember, 1890, the signature of Chrischarge of her case.

Of course, there are many people ably, one of the most fantastic sign who cannot save, but there are more | manuals ever used) brought 4,000 who do not save because they think francs. The only existing piece of they cannot. What we have said is manuscript in Titian's handwriting for the benefit of the second class, was knocked down at 3,000 francs, who are apt to ascribe their difficul- and one with Cromwell's signature ties to any cause rather than to the attached brought in exactly half real one. For the first class we can that sum. Alfred Morrison, a great have nothing but sympathy, and a | English collector of autographs, was wish for better times and circumstances.

If all who can save were to do so, ter written by Corneille that has and were to mass their savings for ever been on the market. The last the common good, they would deal letter written by Napoleon to Emthe most effective blow possible at press Marie Louise, was disposed of listen any longer with patience to the the power of the great capitalists, whose accumulations of wealth are francs, and several signatures of believed by many persons to be one Louis XIV. and Henry IV. fetched of the great dangers of the time.

Not Made Up.

Manager (to stubborn actress)-Well, is your mind made up to go

Actress-No, sir; it is not. Manager-Why not?

Actress-It doesn't have to be. Thank goodness, it's the one thing about me that is natural. - Detroit Free Press.

PUBLISHED IN MID-OCEAN.

Newspaper That Is Printed on Board an American Cruiser.

A newspaper printed on shipboard, on the rolling decks of a man-of-war, out at sea, beyond the reach of telegraph wire or post.

to sailors as the port brig, whose glimpse of the outside world is through a little round glass port in the ship's side, looking out over a waste of waters.

Such is the Ocean Wave, pubmen-o'-warsmen around the world," and for the particular instruction men of the North Atlantic squadnot every French man and woman ron. The paper is edited and printsaves and puts by something, but ed on the flagship New York. Subscriptions, it is stated in big letters seems true, also, that those who on the first page, are payable in earn the least, and who are forced gold, silver or jewels. No potatoes to pinch and screw the hardest to or garden truck are taken in ex-

> The Wave has six pages, each of which contains three columns of reading matter. It is printed in four colors-red, black, green and vessel lying off a Corean port. Copies of the paper just received in this city were printed while the squadron was at Port-of-Spain, in the island of Trinidad. The features are a story of the West Indies, some original poems contributed by members of the ship's company, a story of the visit made to Santa Cruz, describing the hospitable manner in which the islanders received the their sugar plantations, and an ac- himself of the following British sneer: count of the international regatta held at Barbadoes, in which boats from the American ships New York, Cincinnati, Raleigh and Essex took

The jolly tars on board the ships rency matters. feel proud of their little paper, and every issue is carefully preserved to crime of 1873 was perpetrated for the thing laid by "for a rainy day," and send home to friends. There is a purpose of doubling the debt, he could the community has a fund which can | humorist on the staff, and the funny column is full of salty jokes which ing the dictation of the Lombard street smack of the sea.

For the printing of this little paper the ship's printer, Michael Quinlan, of the admiral's staff, is responsible. He is a thorough-going seaman, as well as printer, and can and can have the satisfaction of keep his sea-legs and set type at the same time. Most of the work is necessarily done while the ship is at sea, and at such times the press has to be lashed to prevent it from breaking away. - N. Y. Recorder.

WHERE OLD CAR HORSES GO.

Many Go to Europe, Which Is Burdened with Its Equine Population.

Just as we are getting rid of our horses by substituting electric traction on street railways, the inhabsibly the form of endeavor is more itants of European countries are complaining that their equine population is increasing beyond all reasonable bounds. Electric traction have in mind a friendly society made has as yet made comparatively little for foreign trade. No system providprogress there, and we are dumping ing the money for these urgent needs on their shores many of our wornout old car horses, to such an extent gold commodity on foreign account, to that from one country-Scotlandan energetic protest has just gone

In France they are no better off. week, makes all the members her Recent statistics show that that countries, the sooner they can earn friends, and encourages them to country has no less than 3,000,000 some respect for themselves .- Aransas save something and intrust it to horses, and that the horse populaher. Ten cents, or a quarter, any- tion of the cities (about 800,000) is continually increasing at a greater rate than the buman population. This, without doubt, is due to the increase of urban street-car lines, which are making much progress in France, especially in the smaller cities. In Paris there were twentyvery young children, who were five years ago 70,000 horses, now there are 120,000, which travel, collectively, every day a distance equivalent to two and one-half times the circuit of the globe.

COSTLY AUTOGRAPHS.

Francs at an Auction.

At a Paris autograph sale in Detopher Columbus (which is, probpresent at the sale, and paid a sum equal to 4,000 francs for the only letat the same sale bringing 4,000 1,000 francs each.

How He Did It.

"I understand that your son went west intending to rise with the community," said the neighbor.

"Yes. An' he did what he started out fur." "How?"

"He hedn't been there a week before a cyclone struck the town."--Washington Star.

NOT MUCH.

The "Silver Crase" Is Not Dying Out-What

The single standard journals that have blindly claimed that "the silver craze" was dying out, are now forced to face it as the leading issue. Some of them hasten to declare themselves An editor whose desk is in the in favor of bimetallism so far as gold narrow space below decks, known and silver dollars are maintained at a parity and will exchange at par and command respect in all countries. That is very amusing. Doubtless some of those journals understand what rank nonsense it is and many of them don't. American gold and silver dollars de not circulate at par as money lished "in the interests of all good in foreign countries, and never could except under an international monetary system not likely to materialize. There is no international money, and and amusement of the officers and and when American gold is accepted in settlement of international balances it is taken by weight, as a commodity. The bulk and weight of silver preclude its use to any great extent in international transactions.

No civilized country wants the coinage of another mixed in its circulation, and therefore the business men of each country discount the coinage of the other, to keep it out of circulation. The United States and Canada, practically the same country, with the same standard and coinage system, each impurple. A fine photo engraving of of the other, and have done so ever the flagship Baltimore, of the Chi- since the resumption of specie payna station, is printed, showing that ments. The regular discount on American silver in Canada has rarely been less than 20 per cent. It was simply arranged by the business men of each community. In Mexico the American silver dollar does well if accepted on a par with the Mexican dollar.

The American monetary system has not commanded the respect of foreigners since 1873, but has, on the contrary, been a fit subject for ridicule and contempt. Shortly after the demonetization act was smuggled through congress, Mr. David Watney, testifying Americans and showed them over before the royal commission, delivered

> "I cannot suppose that everybody is vise. The idea of those Americans adopting the gold standard, and they a debtor nation! They could not see that it would increase their debt enormously. They know nothing of cur-

> Had Mr. Watney known that the contempt. The Americans, in followbankers in bonding the war debt. using the bonds as a banking basis, and demonetizing silver for the benefit of the British and American bondholders, richly earned all the obloquy that could be heaped on them.

The inhabitants of Adamawa, who refuse to accept the money of any civilized country, but demand cowrie shells for their exports, are entitled and receive more respect than the Americans. They are respected because they maintain their own monetary system against the world, and the world must conform to it by purchasing cowrie shells when it wants to trade with Adamawa. They prosper on the cowrie shell standard, and don't care whether it suits the foreigners or

What the Americans want is some of the horse sense, independence, and sturdy self-reliance of the untutored Adamawans. They want a money to suit themselves, and not to suit foreign-They want it for their own internal trade and development, and not can impair the power to pay out the the extent that it is now impaired. The sooner the single standard journals recognize these facts, and cease to talk the stereotyped twaddle about parity, par, and respect in foreign Pass Herald.

DAYLIGHT IN THE EAST.

A Glimmering That Penetrates Even the Dark Shadows That Hang Around Wall

Senator Dubois, of Idaho, is an ardent free coinage republican. He has recently been doing missionary work in New York, and when he returned to Washington after a few weeks' sojourn among the people that have long since been given over to 'hardness of heart and reprobacy of mind" on the gold standard question, Senator Dubois fell into the hands of a correspondent to whom he said that "it requires but little effort to discover that the silver Columbus' Signature Brought 4,000 throughout the east. Mr. Depew is reported to have said that the east was almost unanimously in favor of the single gold standard; that 99 out of Change in Time-Chio-Valley Railway every 100 people in the east were gold monometallists. Unless he was misquoted, he has centainly not been very observing.

"I will venture to say that a large majority of the employes of his road favor the full restoration of silver by this country alone. Probably the directors and large stockholders do not. I have taken some pains to talk with car drivers and conductors and labors ing men in New York city; also with a very considerable number of business men, and I know that there is a most decided free silver sentiment even in New York city.

"The producers, wage-earners and bondsmen of moderate means do not advocates of the gold standard. They are no longer frightened by the stock phrases of 'cheap money,' '50-cent dol-lars,' 'silver barons,' etc. They know they are hurt. They understand that times are hard and see no prospect of getting better."

Better Stand from Under.

A Georgia Exchange remarks: "At one time the contraction of the currency in England caused hens to sell for a penny apiece, and a fat bullock sold for 5 shillings. When the tories in this country get our farmers down to such prices perhaps they will be sat-isfied. But they had better keep out of reach of the farmers."



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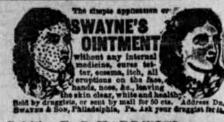
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